

## **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, December 15, 2005**

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, December 15, 2005, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Board Members Present**

Erminia Ramirez  
Jim Holley  
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**  
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**  
Arthur Blackwell II **(ABS)**

##### **Department Personnel Present**

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings  
Cmdr. Dennis Fulton  
Inv. Maurice McClure  
Inv. Toni Wilson  
Sgt. Otha F. Craighead  
Sgt. Jonathan Parnell  
Sgt. David Wasmund  
P.O. Kevin Dwight  
P.O. Michael Woody

##### **Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director  
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director  
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.  
Anisley Cromwell, Acting Chief Investigator  
Victoria Scott-Miller, Senior Inv./Comm. Relations  
M. Rosalia Madrigal, Senior Investigator  
Carlton Meriwether, Investigator  
John Patterson, Investigator  
Kent Cooper, Police Officer

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Media

**RECORDERS**

Terence Bell  
Robert Brown

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairperson Ramirez** called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:23 pm.

**Chairperson Ramirez** acknowledged the presence of Board members and staff.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for December 1, 2005, and December 8, 2005 was tabled due to a lack of a quorum.

**3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Mrs. Gladys D. Hazel.

The adoption of the Resolution for Ms. Hazel was tabled because there was no quorum.

Mrs. Mildred A. Kyles

The adoption of the Resolution for Ms. Kyles was tabled because there was no quorum.

Mr. Joe Johnson

The adoption of the Resolution for Mr. Johnson was tabled because there was no quorum.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated she has just returned from the NACOLE conference for Law Enforcement. This conference provides dialogue between many oversight agencies and was very educational. We also learned how to use the Media and to do community outreach. They also used a mental health worker to work closely with the police department. She especially enjoyed the alternative resolution conference that features mediation which we are presently working on. She asked Atty. Hooks to give an update of the mediation process.

**Atty. Hooks** stated we started looking at mediation in 2001. Initially we were concerned about prohibitors in the Charters. AC Cromwell and I have a meeting scheduled in January with Exec. Dir. Howard Fleischmann of Wayne County Mediation Services. The biggest challenge for us is money. We are trying to find some grants to help fund the program. We are looking to start this as a pilot program and then go to the bargaining table with the Unions if necessary. We are limited as to which complaints can be mediated and we are limited under the Consent Decree.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated we aren't going to start this program with 80 cases because it is a pilot program.

**Atty. Hooks** stated we are looking to start with 10 cases and that will depend on the cost because we have a third party that's involved with this process.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked Atty. Hooks to give an update on the Board of Review.

**Atty. Hooks** stated she needs to speak with Cmdr. Fields on this. But it is her understanding that the Board of Review was passed and it should come before the honorable body.

**Chairperson Ramirez** congratulated Exec. Dir. Goss on being elected at-large as the Treasurer of NACOLE. As Commissioners he will be asking us to sit on various panels.

#### 4. SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS

OFFICE CLOSING

The Board of Police Commissioners' Office and the Office of the Chief Investigator will be **CLOSED** on the following dates:

- Friday, December 23, 2005 and Monday, December 26, 2005, in observance of the Christmas Holiday.
- Friday, December 30, 2005 and Monday, January 2, 2006, in observance of the New Year's Holiday.

### **BOARD MEETINGS**

Board meetings will be held at Police Headquarters on the following dates:

- Thursday, December 22, 2005
- Tuesday, December 27, 2005

### **CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED**

	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>Year to Date</u></b>
<b>2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints:</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1452</b>
<b>2004 - Weekly Count of Complaints:</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1537</b>

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of **0** cases this week.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted **0** cases to the Chief's Office.
- The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned **0** cases to OCI.

## **5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE**

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# Detroit Police Department

## Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

### *"Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships"*

*The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.*



### SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

#### Narcotics/ Gang Enforcement

#### Homicide

#### Special points of interest:

#### • Next meeting:

Thursday December 22, 2005  
@3:00 P.M.

**Detroit Police Headquarters**  
1300 Beaubien, Suite 328A  
Detroit, MI 48228

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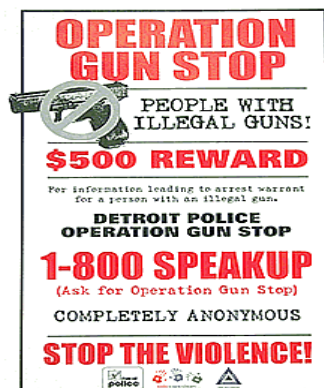
During the period of December 5th through December 11th, Narcotics /Gang Enforcement conducted 21 search warrants and 37 street enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 29 Felony arrests
  - 104 Misdemeanor arrests
  - 1 Juvenile detained
  - 313.9 Grams of cocaine, 17 grams of heroin, 24,757.6 grams of marijuana and 168 pills, street value
  - **\$256,870.00**
  - **\$30,719.00** in U.S. Currency
- Confiscated:
- 19 Handguns

On December 6th, officers from Homicide responded to the 11000 block of Cascade on a "Person Shot" run. An investigation revealed that while four (4) men were inside of a house consuming narcotics, one (1) of the men began to hallucinate and armed himself with a handgun. While the other men attempted to calm him down the man began to shoot at them striking and killing one (1) man and wounding the others. While at the location conducting the investigation officers were approached by the shooter who confessed to the murder. As a result of this investigation the man was arrested without incident for "Murder-First Degree" and "Felony Firearm." Confiscated was one (1) handgun.

#### Domestic Violence

On December 6th, officers from Child Abuse responded to the 10000 block of Greensboro on a "Child Abuse" run. An investigation revealed that when the stepfather learned of the child's suspension from school, he began to beat the child with a leather belt and shot him six (6) times with a pellet gun. **As a result of this investigation the man was arrested without incident for "Child Abuse—2nd Degree," "Felonious Assault" and "Habitual Fourth Offense."**



#### Eastern District

On November 30th, officers of the Eastern District responded to Southeastern High School on a "Shots Fired" run. An

#### Northeastern District

On December 5th, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 13000 block of Sunset on a "Person Shot"





**6. PRESENTATION/REPORT – INVESTIGATIVE OPERATIONS DIVISION**

**Cmdr. Dennis Bolton** introduced Investigator Maurice McClure who gave a brief overview of the Financial Response Team and current endeavors.

**Inv. McClure** stated the Financial Response Team was created in September 2004. The Financial Response Team keeps track of each individual who robs a bank and how many times they robbed each bank.

**(SEE ATTACHMENT)**

**Comm. Holley** asked did the suspect rob the same bank 11 times?

**Inv. McClure** stated he robbed three different banks. His favorite was Bank One at Trumbull and Michigan Ave.

**Comm. Holley** asked how many times did he rob Bank One?

**Inv. McClure** stated about eight times.

**Comm. Holley** stated he robbed the same bank eight times.

**Inv. McClure** stated yes, sir.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** asked Inv. McClure to explain the financial institutions policy when a bank robbery is taking place.

**Inv. McClure** stated bank tellers are instructed to call their headquarters if a robbery is in progress.

**Cmdr. Fulton** stated a bank policy is to turn over the money under any circumstances. Sometimes they have dye packs and sometimes they don't. He also stated that his department will continue to have dialogue with the financial institutions about its process of handling bank robberies. We will make it clear to the representatives that we need to take a closer look at their procedures.

**Comm. Holley** stated we need to have better policies and procedures put in place so a person is not allowed to rob the same bank several times. He stated that it should be up to the City Council to establish the procedures. He believes we need to have more dialogue because it makes the city look bad when banks are continuing to be robbed.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated that bank robberies are down around 40 percent because police officers are assigned to sign a form indicating that they made a stop at that bank.

**Inv. McClure** stated that we were # 2 on the bank robbery list in 2004 and we have a 40 percent decrease in 2005. The bank uses a DVR recording system to get us the suspect's picture right away.

**Comm. Holley** asked do all of the listed agencies come when there is a bank robbery and who pays the cost to prosecute the bank robber's?

**Cmdr. Fulton** stated yes, to the first question. It is determined at the scene which agency will do the prosecution. If it's a federal crime the FBI will do the prosecuting. If a criminal act takes place the department will do the prosecuting.

#### **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, December 22, 2005 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Police Headquarters, Room 328-A  
1300 Beaubien  
Detroit, MI 48226

#### **11. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

There was no oral communications.

#### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



**DANTE' L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/rb**